

Englands Comfort, and Londons Ioy:
Expressed in the Royall, Triumphant, and Magnificent Entertain-
ment of our Dread Sovereigne Lord, King *Charles*, at his blessed and
safe returne from *Scotland*, on Thursday the 29. of *Novem.* 1641.

By the Right Honourable *Richard Gurney* Esquire, Lord Major, with the
Right VVorshipfull Knights, and Aldermen, Sheriffes, and Compa-
nies, of this famous City of *London*.

Together with the manner and forme how the State is to bee observed and per-
formed, by the severall Companies on Horse-backe and foot; for the Con-
ducting of his Majesty, the Queene, the Prince, and all the Royall Progeny, to
the *Guild Hall, London*, to Dinner, and from thence to his Majesties
Palace at *White Hall*: Also the severall Speeches, and other
Verses presented to his sacred Person at that time.





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Or to delude my Reader with a long Preface to a short and briefe Relation, I will first begin (as neare as true intelligence and eye-sight informed me of this great dayes most magnificent and honourable Triumph and entertainment of our most Gracious Sovereigne, at his returne from *Scotland* to this Honourable City of *London*. How some other Kings and Princes, of our own and other nations have been formerly entertained by the Lord Major and Citizens of *London*, it is (as I have read in our *English Histories*) set downe by me in short; towards the end of this Discourse.

On thursday the 25. of this instant *November*, 1641. Mr. Alderman *Garret*, and his brother in office Mr. Alderman *Clarke* being both Sheriffes of *London*, with 72. of their men in Scarlet Liveries, road four miles towards *Theobalds* to meet his Majesty, with the City Trumpers 14. in number, and they conducted his Majestie in state untill such time as they came where the Lord Major, did attend, and was attended to welcome his Majestie as followeth. About eight of the clock in the morning, the Aldermen, with Mr. Recorder of *London*, all in Scarlet Gowns, with the City Councell, came all on horse-back to the Lord Majors house in the old *Jury*, and there they attended his Lordship some little time, till being all ready they road in brave Equipage to *Moore-fields* (the Lord Major being in a most sumptuous Gowne of *Crimson velvet*) where 500. of the Companies all in coats of *Velvet*, every man of them having a *Chaine* of gold; Also every Horseman had a foot-man to attend him, clad in a footmans Jacket and breeches according all trim'd and set out with the colours that belonged to those Companies

panies which they were free of. Also every Company had a horse-man which road severally in the front of each of them, which horse-man did likewise beare the Armes of such a one Company as hee attended; he being in all parts suited *Cap a p* accordingly.



All these attended his Lordships comming and then they all road in order to the further grounds joyning upon *Kingsland*, where they met his Majesty, with the Queen, the Prince *Charles*, the Duke of *Torke*, with the Princesses, Prince Palatine, Dukes, Marqueses, Earles, Viscounts, Barons, Lords, Knights, Gentlemen-Petitioners, Ladyes of Honour, together with 20. Scotch-Lords and others; with his Majesties Guard, and others of his followers, with the spectators of all degrees, sexes, Ages, and sizes, were innumerable: The bankes hedges, high-ways, streets, stalls, and windowes were all embroydered with millions of people, of all sorts and fashions.

*And all the way the boyes did climbe up trees,
And clung close to the boughes like swarmes of Bee.*

When his Majesty came neare to a house of Sir *George Whitmores*, called *Balmes*, there the said Horse-men humbly saluted his Majesty, and in a most commendable and worthy manner brought his Majesty into the City at *Moore-gate*, where all along by *London Wall* as farre



as from thence to Bishops-gate : some of the Companies stood in their Liverie, within places conveniently railed with timber, their standings being adorned with Flags, Banners, Pendants, and Escouchions, and other hatchments, with blew cloath on the railes, untill such time as they came as far as *St. Laurence Lane* end in Cheap-side, downe which Lane his Majesty turned to the *Guild-Hall*, where he dined in a most Royall manner, where no cost was spared, and where his Majesties gracious Presence and acceptance was acknowledge. by the Lord Major, and the whole City to be the best cheare.

The rest of the Companies of *London* were all placed in their standings from the west end of *St. Laurence Lane* through Cheap-side, and

and up Fleet-street to Temple Barre, adorned and set forth with such accoutrements as was done by the other companies before.

After his Majestie was passed to the Guild-Hall the 500. men and horse, with their foot men, they passed up Cheap-side, and there in *Pauls Church-yard* they did set themselves in their former order, and attended till his Maiesty had dined.

Note that the Kings Majesty with the Queen, the Prince, and the rest of the Royall off-spring that were there, did dine at the east-end of the *Guild-Hall* in a place called the *Hustings Court*: The rest of the Lords Ladies and others also dined in the Hall.

After dinner, the Lord Major, with his brethren the Aldermen and the 500. horse conducted his Majesty from the *Guild-Hall* with 14. Trumpets with Banners, in Scarlet Cloaks, Sac-buts, Cornets, and all



instruments of musick usuall, with Bells ringing at 121. parish Churches, where there was no failings in expressions of love and loyalty by the people, as appear'd by their shouts and acclamations, as also by drinking of innumerable healths to his Majesty (which healths I hope will not prove sicknesse to any man. In this magnificent manner (the

Lord Major, with the rest before mentioned, every one of the 500. foot-men that attended the 500. horse-men having a gilded Truncheon in the one hand, and two Torches in the other; they brought his Majesty to his Palace of white Hall, where the Lord Major and the rest most humbly tooke their leaves of his Majesty, who gave them all hearty thanks for their so large demonstrations of their loves and loyalties. This being done, the said 500. horse-men, with foot-men and torches returned back, attending the Lord Major to his house, of whom his Lordship most kindly took his leave, and every man retired to his home.

Entertainments given to Kings in former times by the foresaid City.

Sir Henry Picard, Knight Lord Major of the City of London, did in the yeare of our Lord, 1357. at one time entertaine and feast 4. Kings, (*viz.*) *Edward the third King of England, Iohn King of France, David King of Scotland, and William King of Cyprus*; Also *Edward the black Prince of Wales, the Prince Daulphin of France* with all the Nobility and Gentry of Lords, Knights, Ladies and others, were worthily entertained by the said Lord Major, to their great contentments, and memorable Honour of this famous Citie.

But to come to neerer times, I finde in Master *Stowes* Chronicle that *Queene Elizabeth* in *Anno 1585.* the 27. of her Raigne that she having been on progresse, and comming to her pallace of Saint *James*, was entertained by the Lord Major, his Brethren the Aldermen and Citizens, 200. of the Commoners being in Velvet Coates, with Gold chaines, on horseback, 1000. of the Compauies on foot, and 100. more that bare Torches. *Sir Wolstan Dixey* Knight Skinner, being then Lord Major.

King James (of bleffed memory, at his returne from *Scotland*, in the fifteenth yeare of his Raigne, *Anno 1517.* was met at *Hyde Park* by the Lord Major (*Sir George Bole* Knight Lord Major) and the Aldermen, and more then 400. Commoners of the City, with chaines of gold, and Velvet coates, and a present (a purse with five hundred pound presented to his Majesty. The like entertainment his Majesty (*King James*) had at his comming to the Cathedral Church of *St. Pauls* in *London*, in the 18. yeare of his Raign 1620 when *Sir William Cockin* was Lord Major where also all the Companies stood within place, in the way with Banners and Escouchions, and the streets railed, with Rich presents given.

In the 5. year of the Raigne of our now gracious King *Charles*, 1629. *Sir James Cambell* Knight (then Lord Major) feasted eleven Lords, all Knights of the Garter, and each of them fifty men with Chaines of Gold and Liveries besides many other of the Nobility Gentry and Commoners then there nobly entertained. Verses


Verses Presented to his Majesty.

When Israel with Iudah did contest,
Which of them ought to love King David best;
Iudah claim'd Kindred of the King, and said
That he (by Right) should still with them have stand: 2 Sam. 19.
41, 42.
But Is'el boldly to them strait reply'd,
That Davld (onely) was with them i' abide;
And that in him they had ten parts, (at least.)
And therefore had most Right and Interest.
These words caus'd wicked Sheba, (Bichri's Son)
Most maully to rebellious Armes to run;
But Sheba's head, which first contriv'd those jarrs) Capp. 20.
Was lop'd, and so was ended all the warrs.
I wish Great Britaine the like Song to sing
In love, who best shall love and serve the King:
Let Sheba's head be lost, and let us be,
England, and Scotland, both in Unity.
Hee's Ours and Theirs, and he is Theirs and Ours,
Let's love and serve him, with our Prayers, and Powers;
That as the King is one, so we as one
May praise God, for establishing his Throne.
When He, (our S V N N E of joy) from us set forth
His Raies illustrious, lightned all the North:
Whilst sighes like Clouds, and showers of Teares & Cures,
Was Londons, and faire Englands Southerne shares.
But this returne our sadnesse doth destroy,
Our Teares of grieve are turn'd to Teares of joy;
Our Night of woe, we patiently endur'd,
Our Mornings joy is come we are assur'd.
Hee's come to salve this Kingdomes discontent,
To cure all wrenches, fractures, spraines and rents,
Where Church, and Common Wealth is dislocated;
And all good men amazed and amated.
Gods Great Lieutenant, foure great Kingdomes King,
No doubt but he those mischifes downe shall ding
To Hells black Vault, from whence they first assended,
And with a blessed peece, all strife be ended.

Now follows the speech spoken to his Majesty.

Orat.

Dread Sovereigne :

Hole Royall presence doth now againe revive our once dejected hearts being overwhelmed with sorrow for your Majesties so long absence : Behold, behold, most royall Sovereigne, how your loyal subjects, and well affected people triumph, making such acclamations of joy, as not only happy of your Majesties returne, but safe returning ; their hearts, hands, and countenances speake that which their tongues are not able to expresse. True subjects are joyfull whilst ill affected Traytors, Bul-rush like, bow downe their heads, as being fearefull to behold so sacred a Majesty, as your royall Selfe, whose pious and religious actions are no lesse then quotidian Lectors to be read to all Christian Princes abroad, and a patterne to all your Subjects at home. *Pompey* is forced to fly, when mighty *Cesar* once doth come in place, so let all your enemies fly and be consumed before your sacred person. Welcome, welcome dread Sovereigne, upon which words should my tong for ever harpe, yet would my heart still confesse that expression were wanting unto my loyall desire : Blessed, and for ever let them be happy, those loyall, and our well affected Brethren, the *Scots* I meane, which gave so good entertainment to so Royall a Prince, whose Raigne, your well affected Subjects here present, doe pray to the Heavenly Jehovah, who hitherto hath bin your Majesties Protector and Defender, may bee as long, as happy, which Conjunction will prove a happy Union. So the Great God of Heaven bleesse Your Sacred Majesty, Your Royall Consort, and our most hopefull Prince, and the rest of the Royall Progeny, with health, peace, and happines in this World, and eternall joyes in the next.

IN Ovids *Metamorphosis* I finde

Transformed Formes, and strange mishapen Shapes ;

Of humane transmutations from their Kind

To Wolves, to Beares, to Doggs, to Pyes, to Apes ;

Yet these were but Poeticall escapes,

(Or Moralizing of unnat'rall deeds)

To shew that Treasons, Murders, Incests, Rapes,

From Beastiall minds, (in humane formes) proceeds

But through thy power (which my poore Muse inflames)

A greater Wonder is perform'd by me :

I have transform'd a Boat from off the Thames,

Vnto a Horse, to come to welcome thee.

And now thy Gracious sight I doe attaine,

He turne that Horse into a Boat againe :

And all whom thy returne doth not delight,

Let them be hang'd, and then they have their right.

Verfes presented to
the Kings own Hand
by Iohn Taylor.

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